

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED October 23, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed October 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due January 23, 2004, therefore, this response in considered to be filed timely. This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

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